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SUBJECT: GREEK GOVERNMENT REBUTS PRAVDA ALLEGATION OF NATO
PRESSURE ON GREECE

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A GOVERNMENT SOURCE ON OCTOBER 18 RESPONDED TO THE PRAVDA COMMENTARY OF THE PREVIOUS DAY, WHICH WAS ALSO REPORTED IN THE GREEK PRESS, ALLEGING THAT CONTINUING NATO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURE IS BEING APPLIED ON GREECE IN AN ATTEMPT TO BRING GREEK TROOPS BACK UNDER NATO COMMAND (REFTEL. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT SOURCE DECLARED THAT "ONE MORE TIME THE GOVERNMENT REJECTS WITH INDIGNATION THE ALLEGATION THAT PRESSURE IS BEING APPLIED FROM ANY DIRECTION ON THE GREEK GOVERNMENT. THE SOURCE ADDED THAT PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS HAD REJECTED SUCH AN IDEA CATEGORICALLY JUST TWO DAYS PREVIOUSLY IN HIS SPEECH IN THE PARLIAMENT, AND CONSEQUENTLY, THE "CONTINUATION OF SUCH MUTTERINGS" DOES NOT CORRESPOND WITH REALITY. THE SOURCE NOTED IN CONCLUSION THAT THE GOVERNMENT, AS IT HAD DECLARED PREVIOUSLY, IS NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO ANY SUCH PRESSURES.

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